IN THE CLAIMS

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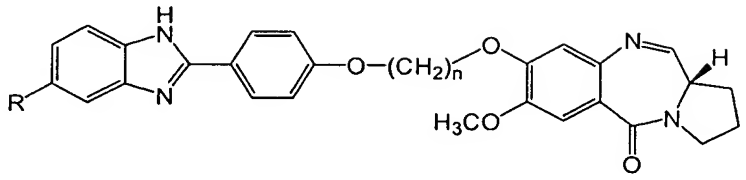
18. (New) A compound of the formula



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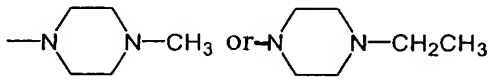
R is H,  or

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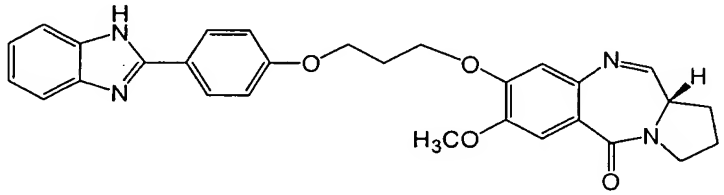

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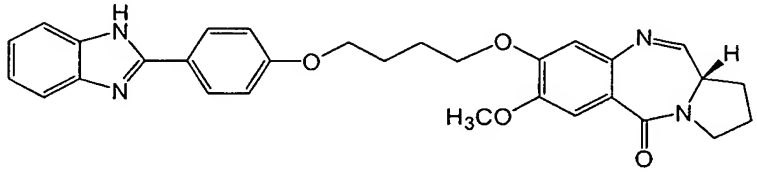

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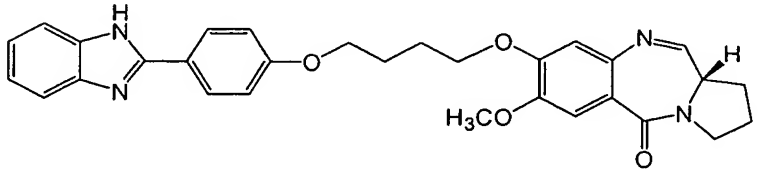

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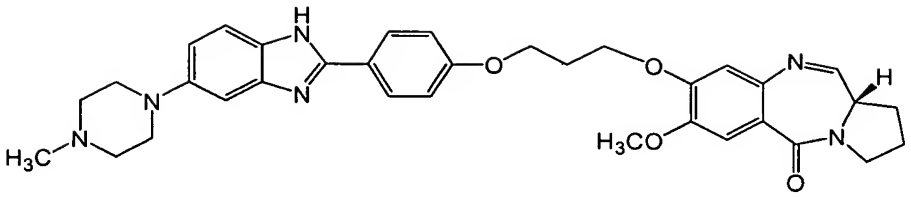

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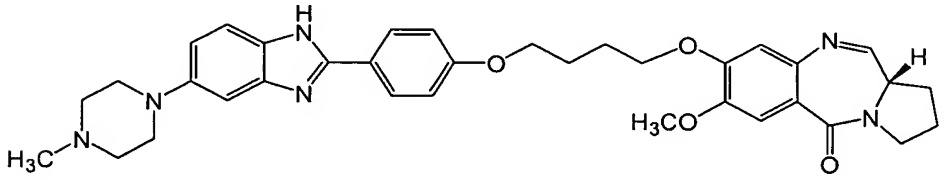

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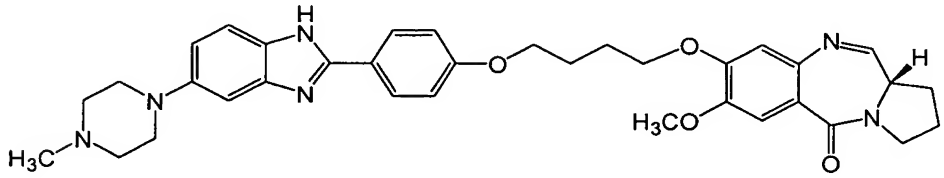

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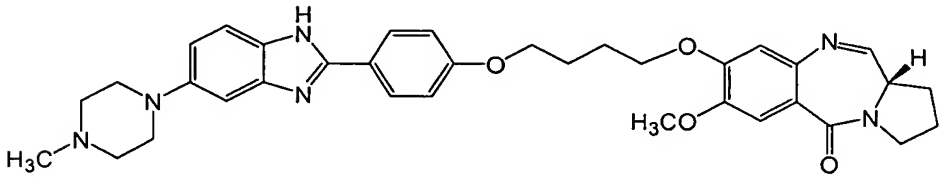

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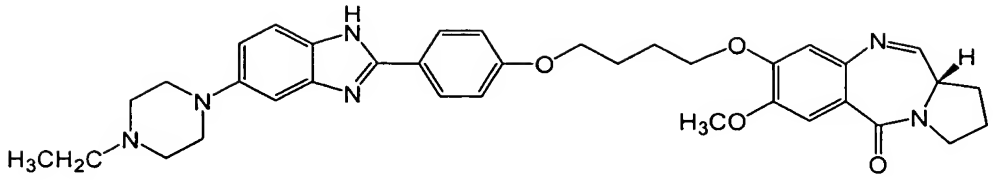

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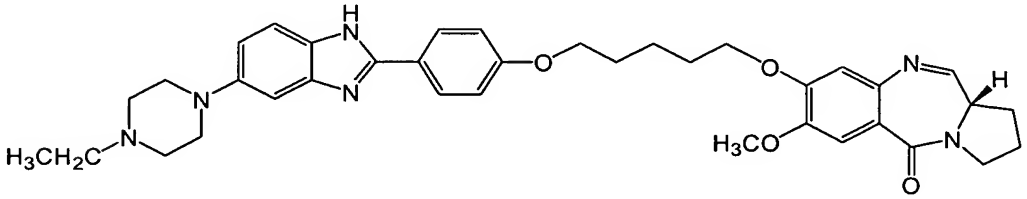
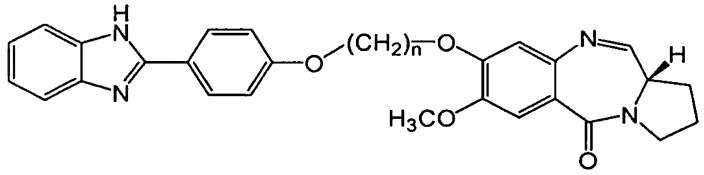
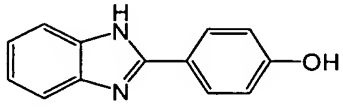


28. (New) A process for the preparation of formula V



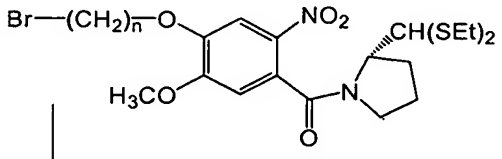
n = 3 - 5 V

which comprises reacting a 4- (1H- benzo[d] imidazol-2-yl) phenol of formula I



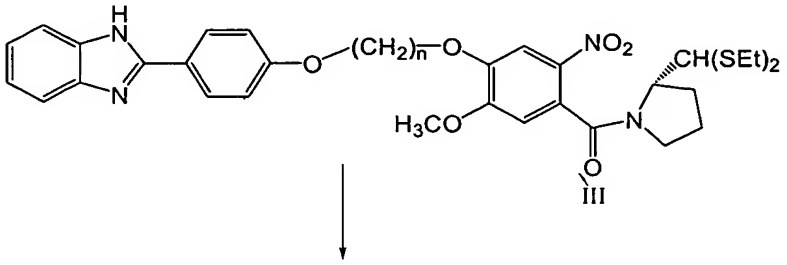
I

with – [4-(n- bromoalkyloxy)-5- methoxyy-2- nitrobenzo-yl] pyrrolidine- 2-carboxaldehyde diethyl thio acetal of formula II



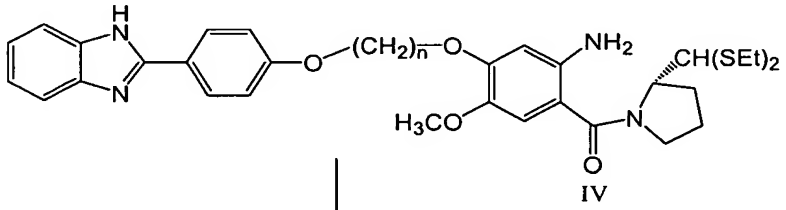
II

in the presence of K_2 CO_3 in organic solvent for a period of 12 to 24 hrs, isolating (2S)-N- {4-(1H- benoz [d] imidazolo- 2 yl) phenoxy] alkyl - oxy- 5 methoxy- 2-nitrobenzoyl} pyrrolidine-2- carboxaldehyde diethyl thioacetal III



III

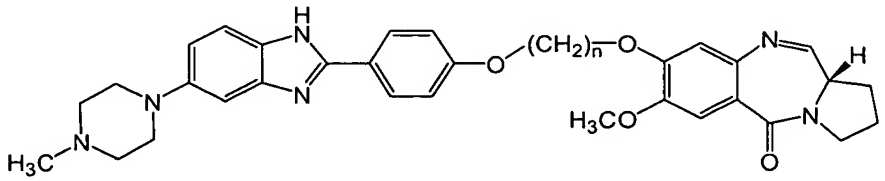
where "n" is 3 to 5, reducing said compound of formula III with $SnCl_2$ $2H_2O$ in the presence of organic solvent up to a reflux temperature, isolating the (2S) -N- {n- 4- (1H- benzo [d] imidazolo- 2yl)phenoxy]alkyl]-oxy-5-methoxy-2-aminobenzoyly} pyrrolidine- 2-carboxaldehyde diethyl thioacetal of formula IV



IV

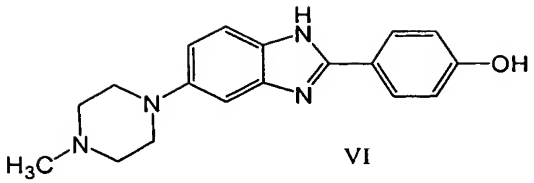
where n is 3 to 5 by known methods, reacting the compound of formula IV with a deprotecting agent to obtain a compound of formula V, wherein n is as defined above.

29. (New). A process for the preparation of a compound of formula IX



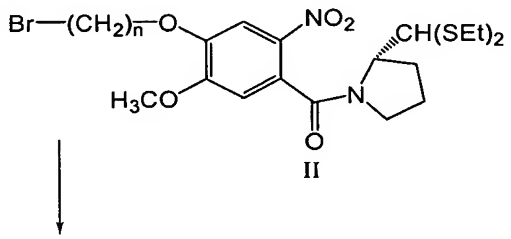
n = 3 - 5 IX

which comprises reacting a 4- [6-4.- methylhexahydro- 1- pyrazinyl)- 1H - benzo [irnidazol- 2- yl] phenol VI



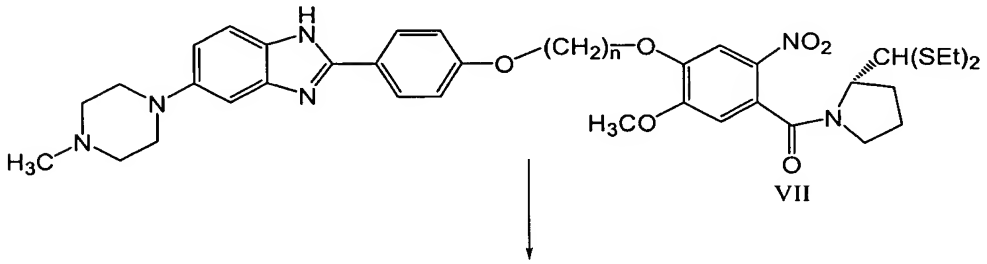
VI

with N-[4-(n-bromoalkyloxy)-5- methoxy-2-nitrobenzo-yl]pyrrolidine- 2-carboxaldehyde diethyl thio acetal of formula II



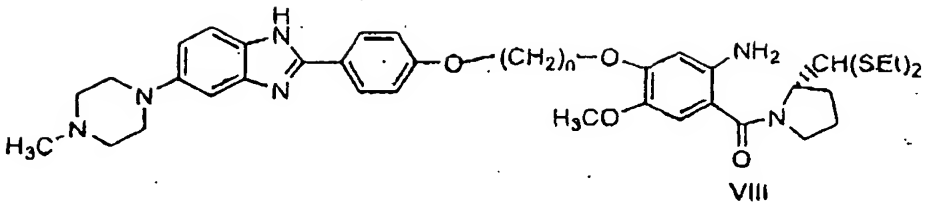
II

in the presence of K_2 CO_3 in organic solvent for a period of 12 to 24 hrs, isolating (2S)-N- {n-(4- [6-4- methylhexahydro-l- pyraxinzyl)- 1H- benzo [d] imidazol- 2-yl] phenoxy] alkyl-oxy-5- methoxy-2- nitrobenzoy pyrrolidine-2- carboxaldehyde diethyl thioacetal VII



VII

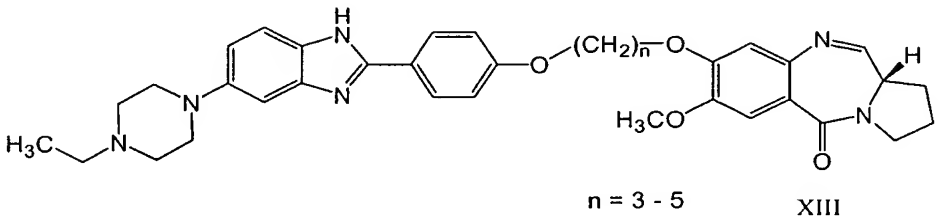
where n is 3 to 5, reducing said compound of formula VII with SnCl2O in the presence of organic solvent up to a reflex temperature, isolating (2S)-N- {n- (4- [6-(4-methylhexahydro-l-pyrazinyl)- 1H- benzo [d] imidazol-2- yl] phenoxy] alkyl)-oxy-5- methoxy -2- aminobenzoy) pyrrolidine-2- carboxaldehyde diethyl thioacetal of formula VIII



VIII

and reacting the compound of formula VIII with a deprotecting agent to produce a compound of formula IX pyrrolo [2,1-c] 1, 4] benzodiazepine hybrids of formula IX wherein n is as defined above.

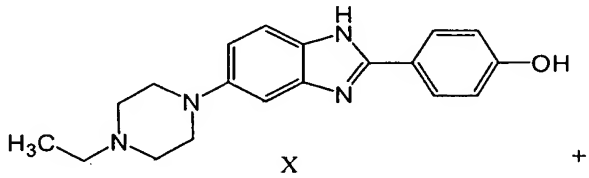
30. (New) A process for the preparation of a compound of formula XIII



n = 3 - 5 XIII

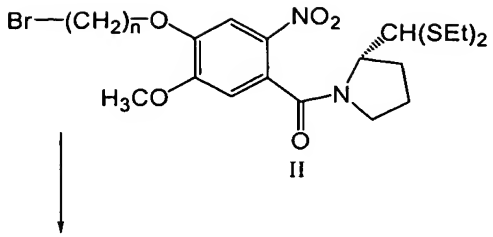
which comprises reacting a 4- [6-(4- ehtylhexahydro- I-pyrazinyl)- 1H- benzo [d] imidazol-2- yl] phenol

of forrmula X



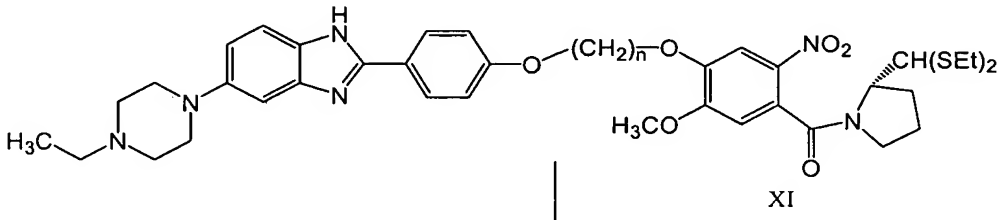
X +

with – [4-(n- bromoalkyloxy)-5- methoxyy-2,- nitrobenzo-yl] pyrrolidine- 2- carboxaldehyde diethyl thio acetal of formula II



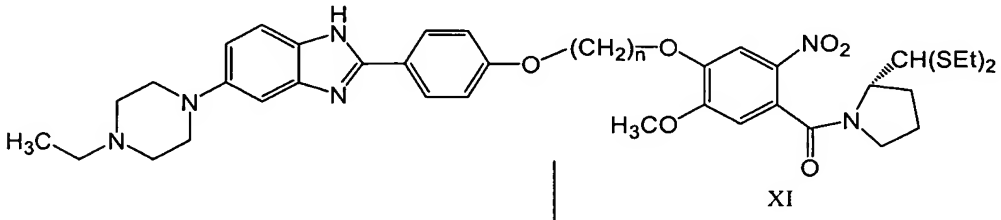
II

in the presence of K_2 CO_3 in organic solvent for a period of 12 to 24 hrs, isolating (2S)- – {n-(4- [6-4- ehtyhexahydro-l- pyrazinyl)- H- benzo [d] imidazol-2- yl] phenoxy] alkyl] - oxy- 5-methoxy- 2- nitrobenzoyl) pyrrolidine- 2- carboxaldehyde diethyl thioacetal of formula XI



XI

where "n" is 3 to 5, reducing said compound of formula XI with $SnCl_2$. $2H_2O$ in the presence of organic solvent up to a reflux temperature, isolating (2S)-N- {n-(4-[6-(4-ethylhexahydro-1-pyrazinyl)-1H - benzo[d] imidazol-2- yl] phenoxy] alkyl)- oxy-5- methoxy-2- aminobenzoyl} pyrrolidine- 2- carboxaldehyde diethyl thioacetal of formula XII where n is 3 to 5



XI

and reacting the amino compound of formula XII with a deprotecting agent to produce the compound of formula XIII wherein n is as defined above.

31. (New) A composition comprising a compound according to claim 1 and an excipient.

32. (New). A method for treating a mammal comprising administering an effective amount of

a compound according to claim 1 to the mammal wherein the mammal has at least one cancer selected from the group consisting of leukemia, non-small cell lung, colon, central nervous system, melanoma, ovarian, renal, prostate and breast cancer.

34. (New) A method for treating a mammal comprising administering an effective amount of a composition according to claim 32 to the mammal wherein the mammal has at least one cancer selected from the group consisting of leukemia, non-small cell lung, colon, central nervous system, melanoma, ovarian, renal, prostate and breast cancer.

35. (New) The method according to claim 33 wherein the mammal is a human.

36. (New) The method according to claim 34 wherein the mammal is a human.